

November 23, 1909

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April 1, 1992

VIBORG ENTERPRISE

Thursday, April 16, 1992

Services Held For Jens Christensen

Funeral services for Jens Christensen were held April 4, 1992, at Salem Free Lutheran Church, rural Freeman, SD, with Pastor Mike Klenner officiating. Organist was Kathy Klenner with special music by Julian and JoAnn Brodland. Honorary pallbearers were Orlando Kaufman, Marlin Wollman, Ervin Jensen, Jack Stahl, Art Dangel, Praben Lee, Harvey Wollman, Eldor Dubs and Glen Waltner. Active pallbearers were Merle Strunk, Orlyn Strunk, Roger Olesen, Lemoine Jensen, Harold Heirigs, Donald Heirigs and Russell Olson. Interment was in Salem Community Cemetery.

Jens Christensen was born on a farm west of Viborg in the Centerpoint vicinity to Nels A. and Sina (Gravholdt) Christensen on November 23, 1909. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended District 27 country school.

On September 17, 1940, he was married to Alice Whitaker in Rock Rapids, IA. For many years they made

their home in Turkey Ridge before moving to Freeman in 1965. Jens worked there in the bowling alley and lumber yard before working at AMPI from which he retired. After his retirement there, he worked as a relief city policeman for several years.

Due to health reasons, Jens and Alice made Mission, TX, their home for most of the year, returning to South Dakota during the summer months. On August 5, 1990, they celebrated their 50th anniversary early so all the family could be together.

Jens enjoyed fishing and woodworking, a hobby he became very good at in his retirement years.

Jens was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and will be dearly missed by everyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Anna Strunk and Marie Hansen, and two brothers, Art and Chris.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Alice; his sons, Robert, and wife, Marilyn, of Viborg; James and wife, Debbie, of Freeman;

and Ronald Joe of San Benito, TX; a daughter, Janis, and husband, Dale Thompson, of Harlingen, TX; eight grandchildren, Erik, Laura, Michelle, Sheila, Tammy, Ben, Melissa, and Cody; two brothers: Nels and wife of Sioux Falls; and Lars and wife of Viborg; along with a host of relatives and friends.

Blessed be his memory.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Jens Christensen wishes to express heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped us at this time. Your kind words, phone calls, cards, flowers and visits helped us a great deal. A special thank you to Pastor Klenner for his comforting words, to those who provided the music, the ladies from Salem Free Lutheran Church. Your love and kindness will always be remembered.

-Alice Christensen, Robert Christensen family, James Christensen family, Ronald Christensen, Dale Thompson family